

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Standing Committee: Certification

Date: March 12, 2010

Location: Board Room - Country Inn and Suites, Lincoln, NE

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 by Becky Schnabel

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
2	Adkins, A.	Present		
8	Adler, M.	Present		
1	Allison, J.	Present		
8	Beach, J.	Present		
3	Blakeman, M.	Present		
5	Bork, R.	Present		
2	Casey, D.	Present		
5	Coe, M.	Present		
3	Erickson, W.	Present		
1	Katt, S.	Present		
2	Jensen, S.	Present		
5	Marymee, F.	Present		
5	Rempp, K.	Present		
3	Rohwer, K.	Present		
1	Schlieder, M.	Present		
8	Schnabel, B.	Present		
	Schweiger, B.	Present		
1	Stake, S.	Present		
5	Wheeler, K.	Present		
	Al Arth			X
	Pat Rippe			X
	Phyllis Spethman			X

Business Conducted:

- I. Introductions:
- II. Approved minutes of October 9, 2009 meeting:

III. Distributed sign-up Sheets:

- a. Volunteers for UNK, Union College, and York College folio review on June 10, 2010
- b. NCATE visit for Wayne State College on April 18-20, 2010
- c. NCATE visit for UNK on September 18-22, 2010
- d. NCATE visit for Union College on October 24-26, 2010
- e. NCATE visit for York College on November 13-17, 2010

IV. Proposed endorsements in the Attorney General's office – Rule 21 and Rule 24

V. Endorsements ready for review at second reading – None

VI. Discussion and Action Item:

Discussed the rotation of officers to represent different membership groups. New officers were elected for 2010-2011:

Elected Mark Adler , Chair (Motion by Rohwer, Seconded by Beach)

Elected Keith Rohwer, Vice Chair (Motion by Adler, Seconded by Allison)

Elected Diana Casey, Secretary (Motion by Rempp, Seconded by Adkins)

VII. Discussion Items:

a. Ideas for cost savings:

Reviewed and discussed expense sheet showing costs of past meetings. It was noted that travel is particularly expensive.

1. Recommendation by consensus that NCTE members ask their employers or representative groups to pay for mileage rather than turn in travel expense to NDE. If funds are not available, members may still turn in expense forms to NDE for reimbursement.
2. Consider off-site electronic meetings when feasible.
3. Consensus was for Option 2 for the June NCTE meeting which would have representative groups meet Thursday evening prior to NCTE meeting on Friday. Folio work would take place on Thursday.
4. Discussed the possibility of holding the next meeting at Union College where there would be no cost for the meeting rooms. No motion was taken, but the general consensus was that free meeting venues should be considered.

b. Board of Education Perspectives:

Discussion on the morning presentation by State Board members included:

- A sense that the Board members heard about a bad situation and generalized and drew conclusions based on limited information.
- The Board members may be reading about situations in other states, particularly with urban areas and drawing the conclusion that "because it's bad at the national level, it is bad here."
- The Board members may not be accurately informed about the program approval process. Sharon Katt will meet with the board in March and will try to get a better sense of their concerns.

- Would like Sharon to find out if the Board has particular concerns about Rule 20.
- Nebraska continues to achieve a “D-” on the Teacher Quality study cited by the Board members, based on measures that don’t apply to Nebraska.
- Seemed to be mixed messages about the role of Higher Education and Districts in the induction and mentoring of novice teachers.
- Discussion concerned the fact that there was little time to prepare or to get stakeholders to buy-in on Race to the Top information.
- Discussed a survey that went to administrators asking them to rank teachers.
- Suggested that we approach this matter with the board positively.
 - 1) a request from the State Board to provide input is a good thing;
 - 2) emphasis on what we can do to improve new teachers is a good thing;
 - 3) Review of Rule 20 is timely; this is an opportunity for self-assessment of teacher preparation in Nebraska.
- Expressed concern about finding more and more schools and teachers reluctant to work with student teachers.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

Minutes submitted by: Kass Rempp